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SUBJECT: OPIC SPONSORED TOUR FOR U.S. EXECUTIVES

1. WE NOTED WITH INTEREST FEBRUARY 18 SPEECH (CONTAINED FEB#/
18 AFRICA WIRELESS FILE) BY ASST. SECY. SCHAUFELER BEFORE AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN NEW YORK. WE ARE INTRIGUED BY REFERENCE
TO OPIC-SPONSORED MISSION OF 15 TO 20 US EXECUTIVES, WHO WILL
VISIT WEST AFRICA MARCH 20-APRIL 3. AMONG OTHER SECTORS, EXECU-
TIVES REPORTEDLY REPRESENT US MINERAL COMPANIES.

2. IN VIEW OF SIGNIFICANT ONGOING MINERAL (IRON ORE, COPPER,
AND GYPSUM) ACTIVITY IN MAURITANIA AND AMBIGUITOUS PLANS FOR
FUTURE MINERAL DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IRON ORE, WE BELIEVE
REPRESENTATIVES OF MINERAL COMPANIES COULD MAKE VERY USEFUL
TWO OR THREE DAYS TRIP TO MAURITANIA.

3. WE URGE THAT OPIC SUGGEST THIS POSSIBILITY TO REPRESENTATIVES
OF MINERAL COMPANIES AND ADVISE US ASAP IF THERE IS ANY INTEREST
IN IDEA. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE PROGRAM SHOULD ANY RE-
PRESENTATIVES BE ABLE TO COME TO MAURITANIA. HANDYSIDE

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